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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

REF: REKYAVIK 1683

1. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOVEMBER 22 NOTE FROM
EMBASSY OF ICELAND TO DEPARTMENT CONCERNING ICELANDIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY:

QUOTE:

THE EMBASSY OF ICELAND PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO BRING THE
FOLLOWING MATTER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION: THE
ICELANDIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY HAS FOR MANY YEARS TRANSPORTED
ICELANDIC FISHERY PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE
COMPANY HAS ALSO CARRIED MILITARY CARGO TO THE ICELAND
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DEFENSE FORCE UNDER CONTRACTS WITH THE MILITARY SEALIFT
COMMAND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. THIS ARRANGEMENT
HAS WORKED VERY WELL IN THE PAST. RECENTLY A NEW
ICELANDIC COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE
OF TRANSPORTING AUTOMOBILES TO ICELAND AND NOW THIS COMPANY
HAS SOLICITED THE TRANSPORT OF MILITARY CARGO TO ICELAND AT
REDUCED RATES. THE COMPANY HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD

AND SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE NATIONAL COMPANY DUE TO INSUFFICIENT CARGO FROM THE UNITED STATES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND, IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE ICELANDIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY. THE EMBASSY OF ICELAND AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S REPLY, DATED DECEMBER 2:

QUOTE:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE RECEIPT OF THE NOTE DATED NOVEMBER 22, 1977 FROM THE EMBASSY OF ICELAND URGING THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO CONTINUE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE ICELANDIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR CARRIAGE OF MILITARY CARGO TO THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE UNDER CONTRACTS WITH THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY. THE DEPARTMENT IS GRATEFUL FOR THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT

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OF ICELAND ON THIS MATTER. THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONVEYED THESE VIEWS TO THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AND HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT THEY WILL BE GIVEN EVERY APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

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